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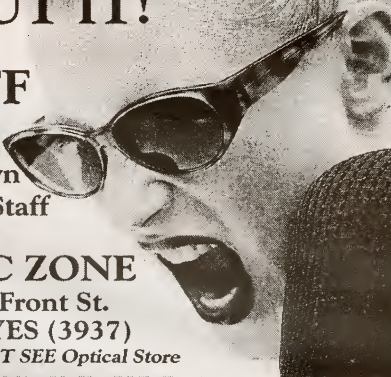
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by Martin Rochon.

Welcome, new and returning students. I am Aaron Hunte, V.P. of Hospitality, Introducing myself to you

A group of approximately 15 people, including the cast and crew, are posing for a group photo. In the center of the group is a large, white, fluffy wolf head mask with a wide, toothy grin. The people are dressed in a mix of casual and semi-formal attire. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Where do I begin? We have so many great things planned for you this year! Part of our orientation week events will be a huge street party sponsored by your Student

In the capacity of SA President, my colleagues and I will strive to make GBC a better place to learn, to grow, and of course, to have some fun. Let's start off the new year with a bang!! I encourage you to come and take part in orientation festivities during the first week of school.

Amy Kim,
Director of Student Resources

George Brown College is known as 'The City College' because its four campuses are all in the downtown area of the city of Toronto. Its students are

among the most culturally diverse of any college of the world. Some students come here out of high school, some have never completed high school but attend as mature students. From doing a very unofficial survey recently, I discovered they appear to have at least one thing in common; a dislike for politicians and a poor understanding of politics. I am not surprised. Think of politics as a long running soap opera. It is difficult to watch one episode and have a complete understanding of the plot line. As a matter of fact, after watching an episode, you might be so confused that you throw up your hands and say..."I give up. I'm never watching this show again!" As a sign of frustration, when you hear others discussing that television show, you probably

The national parliament (a place to speak) currently consists of 301

Members of Parliament (MPs). Each one has a seat in Parliament (also known as the House of Commons) representing riding right across our country. Most are members of a political party. There are four main parties in the federal parliament. The Liberal Party of Canada (155 seats) is the party with the greatest number of seats, they form the government. Their leader is Jean Chretien, and he is also the Prime Minister, or the leader of our country. The other parties form what is known as "The Opposition." The party with the next greatest number of seats is the Reform Party of Canada. They are known as The Official Opposition. The Reform Party leader is

Next Issue: What the political parties stand for



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Canada's reserves:
South Africa's Homelands
by Allan Stokell

by Allan Stokell

You work in Toronto and would like to live in the city to take advantage of the cultural mosaic. The fact that you don't have to travel as much as four hours a day from a home in the suburbs to work and home again will add greatly to your quality of life. Imagine the government telling you that you must live in a homeland, or reserve often hundreds of kilometres from work. The only jobs available to you are at minimum wage, with little chance of promotion. Imagine working in a diamond mine under outrageous conditions for 14 hours or more a day. If you object you will be shot dead by your employer. Only a decade ago these were just a few of the working conditions of a South African. A black South African.

If you were of "European" heritage, a kind of euphemism for white, then life was good. You would live in luxury, enjoy the cream of the available jobs, belong to luxurious private clubs and own expensive cars and houses. There was a good chance you would never have to clean your house, cook a meal, drive your car or care for your children or garden. All these tasks would be performed by native servants.

The story of the setting up of this multi-leveled system of racial segregation has many

disturbing ties to Canada. The most embarrassing areas of similarity to apartheid's

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agricultural and manufactured goods underlined the stand taken by the African National



origins can be traced back to the Colonial Office in London, England. There, 19th century civil servants administered lands and people they had never seen. Both Canada and South Africa had a large aboriginal population that occupied land desired for colonization. The idea of homelands or reserves did the job just fine. "We should reap a great benefit if we could persuade these

able to them, but in no way adapted to the white population." said Sir Francis Bondhead, a Canadian Colonial Administrator.

In the early 1970's, thanks to action taken by members of the Commonwealth of Nations and the United Nations, South Africa was denounced for its' flagrant violations of international law. An effective worldwide boycott of South African

Congress, the political party supporting black independence.


Canada not only originated this homeland system but also required natives to have a 'pass' to leave the reserve. When the South Africans were setting up their system of racial segregation called apartheid, they borrowed heavily from a system still used today

in this country. In 1990, Nelson Mandela was swept to power as leader of the ANC. In South Africa the horrors of apartheid ended that day.

There exists a disturbing contrast in the way South Africa is now solving their land ownership problems compared with Canada. The government of Nelson Mandela has set up a separate and independent land claims court to adjudicate claims for compensation and patriation.

In 1990 in Oka, Quebec, Canadian troops brutally forced back First Nation activists when they attempted to reclaim a burial ground scheduled to be made into a private golf course. In 1995, an unarmed native leader, Dudley George, was shot dead by an Ontario Provincial Policeman in a dispute over land in Ipperwash, Ontario. Although charges were laid, and the policeman convicted in the death of George, he has not spent a single day in jail for his crime.

It is very clear that both our governments have no interest in settling native land claims. Instead they plan to use force to prevent a just and equitable settlement. We have nothing to be proud of in our treatment of Canada's aboriginal people. They have been scorned and marginalized by society. This writer believes that this is truly one of Canada's darkest moments in our political history.

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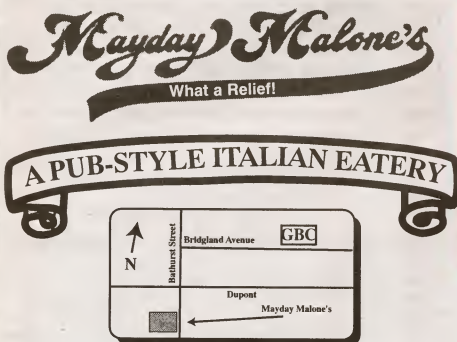
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Planet Janet

Know ledge itself is power!

Allan Stokell
Editor-in-Chief, Dialog

As the new editor of the new Dialog, I would like to take a brief moment of time to tell you about our new editor and our new paper.

My motto used to say that I had printers ink in my blood. By the time I was 10 yrs, I was printing a school newspaper on an aging mimeograph machine. At 18 I was an apprentice compositor...that is I set type by hand. At thirty I was the editor of a specialty magazine. Sometime between them I also ran a photo service bureau.

This is where George Brown comes in. I went back to school to re-train. When I walked through the doors for the first time that September, I knew right away this was where I always wanted to be. If you are reading this as a first year student, let me tell you that you will find this college to be both a challenging and nurturing place. If I were to offer some advice it would be this: Work hard, respect your fellow students and professors. No one will check up to see if you attend class. You won't need a note from mom. If you don't show up and don't complete assignments, you will not succeed. Work hard and be



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creative. Enjoy your time at college. You'll look back at this time spend there as golden years in the career pursuit of knowledge.

Now about the other George Brown. I'm often asked, "Who is George Brown and why did they name a college after him?" George Brown was the editor of a newspaper (now known as the Globe and Mail). He was a big supporter of free public education and was one of the Fathers of Confederation (founders of Canada). He was a fighter for freedom, justice and

equality. Recently we have been obliged to fight once again for the freedoms, justice and equality we have taken for granted for so many years. We must fight for quality public education, we must not allow our rights, or the rights of others to be eroded by politicians. We have become complacent, even apathetic. There will be no place for complacency and apathy in the new Dialog. This organ will sing with the pride of our students. We will praise the righteous and denounce the scoundrels.

This cannot be done

alone. George Brown College graduates some of the best people in their professions. The skill of our students and alumni must be showcased in these pages. I urge you to participate in this noble act.

Sir Francis Bacon once said in broken Latin, "Nam et ipsa scientia potestas est." or "Knowledge itself is power." By gaining knowledge we empower ourselves. We use this power to create successful lives for ourselves and others. I would ask you to commit to this noble act.

As you'll soon learn, college life isn't all lectures, assignments and examinations. We have fun here too, and in that vein we hope to begin a series of columns and illustrations dealing with the lighter side of college life.

This edition of Dialog is about ready for bed. The next edition will be in the bright red Dialog boxes when you get to school in September. See you then!

staff and/or feels a sense of belonging). It is the single most important predictor of whether or not a student will graduate successfully.

Understanding this reality, post-secondary institutions have established supports to help students meet the challenges of going to college. The trick is that students need to take responsibility for accessing and employing the many resources offered. We would encourage students to do this through their Student Association - the official student government at GBC. We have offices on each of the four campuses and employ a dynamic staff entirely committed to serving student needs. Under the direction of a Board of Directors composed entirely of elected students...we provide space, supply resources, coordinate programs, engage in advocacy and generally work to ensure that your experience at George Brown College is a positive one. Please, please, please come by and see us. You pay good money for Student Association services and although we've made lots of changes over the summer to improve our operations, we need your input and feedback. Bring us your questions, comments and concerns. This democratic entity cannot function effectively without student involvement. Come by and visit, volunteer or participate. We can't wait to meet you.

Dr. Janet Morrison is the Executive Director of the Student Association. Planet Janet appears monthly in the Dialog and is an editorial designed to trigger your senses and invite your feedback. To contact Janet directly, e-mail her at cjkimor@gbrown.on.ca or phone her direct campus line: 415-2456.

planet janet

the world according to Janet Morrison,
Executive Director, Student Association



Yesterday morning - at 4:10 a.m. - Mumma and I drove to Toronto International Airport and put my beloved Booboo on a flight to Vancouver. The experience was heart-wrenching. I've cared for Booboo since he was a baby and despite having had three weeks to prepare myself...I cried desperately as the plane treaded toward the runway at Terminal 2. I miss him so much already. It is impossible to sit without the warmth of his company and I am routinely reminded of his absence by toys and artifacts strewn around our house. If I'm honest, I would tell you that Booboo is the best thing I've ever had loyal to a fault, capable of rousing my emotions in moments and easy to talk to. A sad thought for me is: Perhaps, Booboo is a two-year old, 91-pound black Labrador Retriever, a simple chewing shaker, jumping on people and barking aggressively at anything that moves.

Given the magnitude of suffering his departure has evoked, it would be logical to question the basis for my decision to export my favored furry friend. The justification is simple and straightforward: the move was in his best interests. Booboo (a.k.a. Guinness) loves to run, is highly active (please read HYPER) and into WWF-style wrestling. Our lifestyle preferences are not optimally matched...particularly in relation to those espoused by my baby-brother. John works for Coast Range Tree Planting as a Regional Manager and, as a result, lives out of a large (F450

Diesel) pick-up truck in North British Columbia. He works in the bush all day, bathes in a lake (periodically) and sleeps under the stars. It is a way of life that suits Guinness perfectly and he'll love it. Nonetheless, I miss him. Though I find comfort in the knowledge that he will undoubtedly be happy living in the West (running wild and smelling like dead fish)...I am consumed by fear for his safety and insecurity about the likelihood that he'll not recognize me when he returns for the Holidays in December. (Worse yet, he may remember me but hold a major grudge about the involvement in getting him to Dawson Creek, British Columbia.) It's quite honestly, a testimony to the love and respect I have for my brother that I ultimately opted to ship the precious cargo all at once.

In contemplating the content for my first Planet Janet of the 1998-99 academic year, I couldn't help but parallel the experience of shipping Guinness off to Vancouver with that of a parent preparing for the departure of his or her child for College (OK, this analogy may be a little much...but work with me people, I'm emotionally distraught). Human or canine, shipping a loved one off to face formidable tasks on their own is a daunting and emotional experience. Undeniably (in my mind anyway), the post-secondary educational experience is of tremendous value and well worth the investment of time, energy and money. Nonetheless, the idea of depositing a child in an unfamiliar environment wherein he/she will be challenged on multiple

My first year

by Taryn Simbrow

Well my first year has finally ended. Boy, what a year! I had a lot of ups and downs and a lot of fun and laughs. I am in the Culinary Management programme at the college in the building across the street from St. James campus called the Hospitality and Tourism building.

I met a lot of teachers and made lots of new friends. The teachers at George Brown make the year so much more enjoyable. They are so understanding and helpful. I met one woman this year who works in the administration office. Her name is Dorothy Ellis. She was amazing! I had a very rough year and she tried to help me out as much as she could. She taught me more than I could have learned just in the classroom. One of the things I learned from her was that I should always try my best and don't sweat what you can't do. That's not only true for me, it is true for everyone. I also had another teacher who not only taught me about cooking but also about myself and what is important at the school.

I had an amazing year. The friends I met at college made it much more enjoyable. Having someone there to talk about the programme and understood was really nice. Some days I would go home and talk to my family and they couldn't understand what I was talking about, but at the school we are like a team. We understand each others problems and can help each other out because we either have been through it or are going through it now. It is really hard when I talk to my friends from high school because they don't understand. Being at the college, I feel I really belong.

When I first entered the school and saw the building from the inside I knew that I had made the right decision. I knew it was going to be a fun year. Of course I was nervous, but I was willing to try. I met my first friend at the school in the line-up to get our schedules and information packages. We had a lot in common. We were both scared and didn't know what to expect. She had done some courses at St. James' campus and she could show me around.

I'm not trying to make it seem like it was an easy ride, it was far from it, but the staff and the friends I made, made it so much easier. On the first day of class I didn't know what to expect or even if I wanted to be here. I spoke to one of the teachers and he told me to hang on a bit longer and then make the decision as to whether I want to stay or not. I am glad he told me that. Ever since that day I have always put my best foot forward and tried. Now I have made it through my first year.

To all the new and returning students; if there is one thing I have learned this year it is never give up when the going gets tough. Keep trying your best. Reach for the stars and one day it all will come true for you.

One more thing: Hang on tight. You are in for the ride of your life! Good luck and have a great year.

In the name of beauty

Inappropriate Behaviour

Joe Trotter (not his real name) was born in North York. He now lives in Toronto.

diacYCLE

Speaking of obligations, I do feel obliged to tell you about biker assassins who lurk in our city. These species also known as Commuteris Zombii will appear out of no where and do their level best to kill you. They come from somewhere where there are no bikes and they can't see you and they won't look for you. Make sure you make eye contact with drivers. If you can't make eye contact, they haven't seen you and the might be one of the 'undead'. I always assume everyone is a zombie or worse a taxi driver and it helps me survive biking in the city.

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diACRIME

Baltimore police charged police officer William Scott Kearn with burglary after investigators discovered his finger prints at a crime scene. They dropped the charges four months later when they realized that he had been one of the initial investigating officers and must have accidentally touched the door frame from which the prints were lifted. An apology has not been forthcoming from the Baltimore Police Chief.

In other related police news, Dallas police officer Raymond Dethlof let his mouth and stomach gets the better of him recently. He was investigating a hit and run accident and noticed the victim had been holding a yet still warm McDonald's grilled chicken sandwich. He ate it and was suspended from the force for 14 days.

Roger Townshend, 24 of no fixed abode was recently charged with stealing hundreds of condoms from the local health unit. The investigating officers could not understand why he would bother stealing them as they were being given away as part of a promotion between the condom makers and the health unit.

And if you think that's weird, local fire investigators recently wrapped up an investigation into a condominium blaze, concluding the fire was started by careless smoking. The condominium was owned by the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Finally, if you think the laws are tough here, don't even think about downunder. Australian Jeffery Pearce was convicted of assault in a Sydney courthouse recently, after admitting he was chewing a clove of garlic when stopped by police. "I'd been advised that chewing garlic was the best way to repel police," Pearce said as he left the courthouse.

letters

Dear Fellow Students and Faculty;

Summer has faded into recent memories. Now the school year begins once again. Familiar halls, familiar faces, even new ones grace our halls.

So it began for myself as it did for thousands of other students. I began my first year with the Faculty of Community and Social Services- Human Services Counselling Program in September 1997. My first week, like others, was full of surprises, a lot of nerves, and even more excitement. I wanted to have a great college experience. Not just the experience of going to classes, (or trying to find them) or studying in the lounge. But one that involved making a contribution not only to my own college experience, but to the experience of others as well.

So on September 2, 1997, I embarked on a project as Team Captain for the Toronto AIDS Walk. Throughout the month of September a few volunteers helped me co-ordinate a team for George Brown, and on walk day we ventured out with thousands of other people from ALL WALKS OF LIFE to raise money for AIDS. Although our team was small, we were mighty enough to raise over \$1,000.00.

My thanks to those who participated in last years event. The whole team is especially

grateful to the members of our Student Association who braved the heat as our College Mascot. Word has it that we will have our mascot present again!

This year, in association with our Student Association members, Shereen Daghtahi, Director of Programming, and Jerome Adamo, Director of External Affairs, we would like to invite and encourage all members of the student body and faculty to join us in the fight to find a cure for AIDS.

Please join us by registering as a participant, getting pledges, honoring those pledges and most of all, come out on September 27 and WALK the WALK.

We look forward to seeing you in September.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY PRYCE

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The view from here

Allan Stokell

It is always difficult to start something new. It could be compared with building a house. Once you have assembled the building materials you are left looking at a pile of wood and nails saying "Where do I start?" We are in much the same position as a new carpenter putting together his first house. We are all new to the job, just getting to know our fellow workers. Wanting to do the very best job, but not quite sure if we are going off in the right direction.

As you know, nothing is more crucial to the success of a new building than the foundation. You may remember an old parable on this very subject, or even the Three Little Pigs nursery story. Whichever one you are most familiar with, they both have the same moral: If you build well, it will last and it will protect you. The same holds true of our newspaper. We need input from people interested in building well.

A friend just recently had a new home built. She supervised the construction while contractors did the work. She thought of every detail. "Which way should the house face? What style should it be? She hired someone who specialized in kitchens and bathrooms when she had the plumbing done. The tiler only did ceramic tile and the carpenter only laid carpeting. The point I'm making is that each craft person had a specialty and that aspect of the whole was their exclusive domain. The plumber wasn't putting on the roof and the roofer wasn't laying bricks. The result was a handsome house that included many extra details included by workers who were proud of their crafts.

To build The Dialog as a strong and vibrant voice of our students, we must first start with a strong foundation on which to build. We need to know which direction to face and what style we should have. We then need to use the best workers using the best tools and materials to construct something we all should be proud of. This will be the goal of The Dialog Collective. We will need many people to help us. We will need an editorial board to tell us which way to face, we will need photographers to act as our eyes, writers to hear what our fellow students say and editors to make sure it is always said well. Our carpenters will be our layout and design team who will give

those value added features of a well crafted newspaper.

But I see more. The millennium is soon upon us. Most of our students will still be in school or graduating in the year 2000. We need people with vision who can see the directions to take and the turns to make. Marshall McLuhan (media visionary) saw newspapers as a "hot" medium...capable of giving the consumer a lot of high quality information. Had he lived to see the Internet, what would he have thought? We need to give voice to these thoughts.



With this in mind, I call for George Brown College students who feel they have the vision and the desire to step forward and help build The Dialog for the new millennium. Currently we need members of the editorial board, a web master, new photographers(digital imaging), writers, illustrators, and most of all we need thinkers.

Student Association Governance Review

As a part of its ongoing effort to improve operations and services, the Student Association recently restructured its staff and in now reviewing the structure of its Board of Directors. Concurrent with this review of board structure, the SA is revising its by-laws to make them not only consistent with the new board structure, but also easier to read.

We will be holding workshops to discuss the proposed new by-laws during the fall term, so watch for notices and take advantage of this opportunity to play a role in the operation of your student association.

One of the participants in this process is our in-house lawyer, Bill Reid. Bill is available year round to provide free legal council to activity fee paying students. Bill is experienced in all legal areas, and is very approachable--don't hesitate to bring your problems to him.

You can make an appointment to see Bill by contacting the SA office.

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Who Am I? My name is Stephen Flett (call me Steve), and I am the new Director of Academic Affairs (DAA) for the Student Association. You'll usually find me at the Casapaloma campus, where I am a student in Information Systems. You may also see me working in the Open Access Computer Lab there. I'm returning to school after many years as a professional actor. My educational background includes a B.A. from Queen's University, certificates from both the British American Acting Academy (Acting Technique) and George Brown College (Graphics/Desktop

What Do I Do?
As DAA, my position covers any academic matter of concern to students. In practice, this job's main functions are advising students with academic concerns, and being an advocate on their behalf. In addition, I am Chair of the By-Laws Committee, a member of the Policy and Procedures, Orientation and Foodbank committees, and I've also taken on the task of Webmaster for the new SA web pages. Feel free to drop by the SA Office, or set up an appointment with me, to talk about any of these areas. Keep an eye out for further information on Academic Affairs, the By-Law revisions, and the SA Web page, in upcoming issues of the Dialog.

3. What do I want from my time at college? If you just come to classes and leave - you will be losing an opportunity to benefit from the wealth of

Be sure to attend orientation activities and events. It will give you an opportunity to find out what is available and to meet staff and students, drop by your Student Association Office and the Student Affairs areas - get to know us. We are here to help!

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